

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Tornadoes Prime For Klamath Tilt

Medford High school's basketball team goes out this Saturday night with the aim of making the current traffic jam in the Southern Oregon conference tighter.

And, for the moment, so far as the Big Twister is concerned, the tighter the better it will be.

Medford will come to hoop grips with the Klamath Union High school Pelicans in an 8:15 p.m. game at Hedrick gym here.

For the Black Tornado, the ruckus with the Whitebirds will be the only one this week end. Klamath Falls will be host to Grants Pass on Friday.

Going into the lone conflict Medford sports a 5-5 conference standing and is in fourth place 1 1/2 games back of top runner Crater (6-3). Klamath is the present second place club with 6-4.

Winning Streak The big question concerning the Black Tornado seems to be: Can it continue the momentum it generated last week end. Medford has a two-game winning "streak" it is ambitious to extend. Klamath Falls, on the other hand, seeks to bounce back after two successive losses.

Coach Frank Roelandt declared last night that his Medford Tornado is "all set to go and ready to play any time." He said that the MHS cagers are "all healthy. They have good spirit and good drive. And, they all realize what's ahead for us."

The mentor pointed out that his charges had been grooming their offense to meet Klamath's zone defense but that they have not been cooking up anything "special" for the Pels.

With Rich Benner back full time, although still wearing a cast on the left wrist he broke in December, Medford will be better fixed against the all-around height of Coach Al

Tom Tresh Has Boost To \$15,000

By FRED DOWN UPI Sports Writer Sophomore jinx? Tom Tresh and Bo Belinsky are about as far apart temperamentally as any two ball players in the world but they agree 100 per cent that there's really no such thing as a second-year jinx.

Both feel it's just a question of doing what comes naturally. In Tresh's case, that means signing a contract and beginning spring training without fuss or bother. In Belinsky's, it means getting his name in headlines without half trying.

Tresh, American league rookie of the year in 1962 when he helped the New York Yankees to a world championship, made news this week by signing a contract for an estimated \$15,000 while Belinsky, who numbered a no-hitter in 10 victories for the Los Angeles Angels last season, made news by oversleeping.

Diligent Tresh, a .286 hitter as shortstop and left-fielder in his rookie season, accepted a raise of about \$5,000 and went diligently to work at the Yankees' Fort Lauderdale, Fla., training camp.

At Palm Springs, Calif., however, the simple routine of the Angels' first workout was thrown into confusion by the failure of Belinsky to show up on time. Bo arrived an hour late but with an excuse that was good enough to forestall any disciplinary action by manager Bill Rigney.

Ivy Talks Future Houston—UPI—Frank (Pop) Ivy, head coach, and K. S. (Bud) Adams, principal owner of the Houston Oilers, scheduled their third talk about Ivy's future with the American Football League team today. There was speculation that Ivy, armed with an offer from the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian League, was holding out for more authority within the Oiler organization.

DARK DEFENDS Miami—UPI—Defending champion Alvin Dark teed off against a crowd of baseball's top golfers today in quest of his fifth championship in the national baseball players' tournament. The slight manager of the National League champion San Francisco Giants won the tournament in 1951, '55, '57 and last year.

ANGELS SIGNED Palm Springs, Calif.—UPI—Los Angeles Angel general manager Fred Haney looked the vault today after rounding up signed contracts for his entire roster. Pitcher Ryne Duren brought his signed \$18,000 contract Wednesday when he reported at the Angels' spring training camp here.

DRIVE IN BIG RACE Indianapolis, Ind.—UPI—A. J. Foyt, winner of the Indianapolis "500" speed race in 1961, will drive a car owned by William B. Ansted Jr. in this year's event.

Crater High Bills Ashland, GP Clubs

It will be top against bottom on Friday night at Central Point in Southern Oregon conference basketball. Crater high's Comets (6-3) leading the five team pack, entertain the cellarite but up-set-minded Ashland Grizzlies (2-8).

Game time is 8:15 p.m. after 6:30 p.m. sophomore and junior varsity scuffles. Ashland has only the evening of action slated this week end. Crater goes to Grants Pass (5-4) on Saturday night.

"We look for a tough week end," said Crater Coach Lloyd Hoffine. "The kids are really sweating this Ashland ball club out, but they should be." The mentor reported his crew, nevertheless, "eager" and said that the Comets have been "working awfully hard for a big week end."

Starting Over Hoffine reported the Comets back to offense against man-to-man defense and finding themselves a bit rusty at it. While the Comets are out in front of the loop by a half-game over defending champion Klamath, Hoffine maintained that "none of the games up to this count any

more." It's like starting all over, he said, and "we have to win them all. We can't look by any ball game." Commenting further on Ashland, which has stopped a long conference losing streak and scored a couple of victories, Hoffine remarked, "When you win two, it's not a fluke any more. You're tough."

Hard Time Coach George Keil of the Ashlanders indicated that the Grizzlies are spending considerable time this week on both offense and defense. "We have a hard time with these guys (Crater) on defense," he said. Offensive work has been aimed at getting the offense moving a little better.

Keil put his charges through hard drills both on Monday and Tuesday and eased up yesterday. The squad was intact for the first two drills of the week. Dean Samuelson, however, was not at school yesterday. "I'd really like to win the rest of them," said Keil of the Bruins' remaining league encounters. "We're going real strong. But, it's a little too late, I think."

Keil was willing to wager that the loop will wind up in a tie for first or second places. He figured that a 10-6 record will win the conference laurels.

Conditioning for the District 6 A-1 tourney a week away is mainly in the minds of prep wrestlers now but a couple of dual matches between Southern Oregon conference schools this week end are not being overlooked.

Medford will entertain Ashland here on Friday with the first bout at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday Crater will go to Klamath Falls for a 1 p.m. match. It will be the second meetings for the schools in each case. Medford holds a 49 to 8 verdict over Ashland and Klamath beat Crater 50 to 3.

Coach Ralph Monroe noted that his Medford Tornado matmen displayed increased aggressiveness in tying Klamath Falls last week end. He hopes the aggressiveness will carry into the district meet.

Monroe indicated only one change over last week in his mat lineup with Denny Schmall slated to go at 141 pounds.

MEFORD LINEUP: 99—Lin Casciato; 106—Rod Smith; 115—Mike Orr; 123—Mike Horton; 130—Steve Haly; 136—Tom Owens; 141—Denny Schmall; 148—Fred Graten; 157—Ray Lauritzen; 168—Tom Metz; 178—Terry Wintrout; 191—Mike Mayfield; unlimited—Jeff Hardrath.

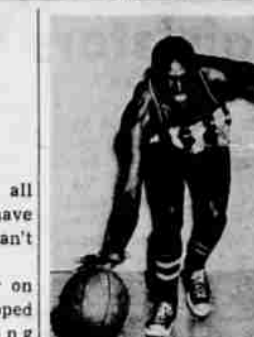
Silvers Days' High Shooter Ted Silvers had high score for the day Sunday in the first muzzle-loading rifle shoot of the season of the Little Butte Mountain Men.

Buck Henagin, took the first event of the day, a three-shot group for score. His prize, going to the next best score, was taken by Horace Bittle after a shoot-off with Ike Henagin. Buck Henagin also won a one shot for center event.

Other event winners were Ted Hoffman, two shots for score offhand; Jim McGoodwin, one shot offhand for center; Keith Henagin, one shot for center; Joe Williams, three shot group; Nick Nixon, one shot for center; Dorothy Henagin, three shot group.

Records are to be kept of all members scores. High scorer for the year will receive a cash prize.

Dick Saltmarsh and Don Gordon were guests of the club Sunday. They are assembling guns and hope to become black powder men. A work party will labor at the Little Butte range on Sunday to restore the bridge.



ON COURT—J. C. Gipson, above, will bring his outstanding flare for showmanship into Crater High school gym in Central Point tonight when the Harlem Globetrotters meet the American League All-Stars.

Gipson was named Los Angeles "Prep of the Year" after playing only one year of high school basketball, his senior year. Unable to go to college because of financial reasons, he asked for a Globetrotter tryout and was immediately signed. That was more than 10 years ago and he has been with the team ever since. Tonight's game is set for 8 o'clock and doors will open two hours earlier.

Dual Mat Tangles on Schedule

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Kart Races On Sunday

Go kart races will be held, weather permitting, this Sunday, Feb. 17, at Medford Kart ways at the south edge of town. One trophy will be given in each of three different classes. Races will start at 1 p.m. Gates open at 11 a.m. and practices will take place from noon to 1 p.m.

Blacks Down Golds In 7th Grade Fray

Blacks beat Golds 37 to 26 yesterday in a basketball game between McLoughlin Junior High school seventh grade teams. The game was moved ahead, after being scheduled for Friday, and wound up the season for the two teams. The Blacks were 6-3 for the campaign and the Golds 4-5.

San Francisco Seals Have Chance To Lead

The Portland Buckaroos are spending a lot of time fiddling nervously while the San Francisco Seals burn up the Western Hockey League.

The Bucks have seen their edge over San Francisco in the league's Southern division whittled to only a single point in the past five weeks. But the frustrating thing, to them, is that they have played well during that period, but just not often enough.

In mid-January Portland held a 13-point lead over the Seals and since then the Buckaroos have won seven, lost three and tied one. But the Seals have played 19 games in that span and won 14 of them, shaving away 14 points of the 13-point Portland lead.

The Seals hacked away two more points Wednesday night by blitzing Los Angeles, 6-0, and have a chance to take the lead tonight when they meet the Blades in the only scheduled WHL game.

Freshman District Mat Tourney at CP

Central Point—The biggest Southern Oregon district freshman wrestling tournament in history is slated Saturday at the Crater High school gymnasium.

For there will be a total of nine schools taking part. Entrants will be North and South Grants Pass, Monument, Savage, Hedrick and McLoughlin of Medford, Ashland, Klamath Falls and host Crater.

The single elimination tourney will have 12 weight divisions. Two boys may be entered from each school in each weight class. Drawings by Don Miller, Crater athletic director, and Lee Ragsdale, Medford school physical education supervisor, have places No. 1 and 2 boys of the same weight from each school in different brackets.

First round of the tourney is set for 9 a.m. after weigh-in between 7 and 8:30 a.m. Action will take place simultaneously on four mats.

Second round will be at 11:45 a.m., the third at 1 p.m. and the fourth at 2 p.m. Championship finals and bouts for third and fourth place are set for 3 p.m.

Referees will be Paul Evenness, Ralph Monroe and Fred Spiegelberg, Medford, and Charles Tourville and Wendell Winterbottom, Grants Pass.

Admission charges will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

Steelheading Has Been Good On Rogue River

Portland—UPI—The weekly report on fishing conditions prepared by the state game commission: Southwest: Steelhead angling has improved and is good from boats below Winchester; main Umpqua should be fair in Yellow Creek and Elkton areas; Rogue has been good as well as the Illinois; opening of trout season at Loon Lake was fair.

NAME WRITERS HEAD

New York—UPI—The New York chapter of the United States Harnes Writer's association elected Warren Pack of the New York Journal American as 1963 president during its annual meeting Wednesday.

Ragsdale On Program Of Backers

Lee V. Ragsdale, supervisor of health, physical education and safety in the Medford public schools, will be on the program of the Medford Linebackers club on Friday.

The Linebackers will have a noon luncheon at North's Chuck Wagon. Ragsdale will discuss the sports program over the rest of the year in the schools here.

Frank Roelandt and Dick Paup, basketball coaches at Medford and St. Mary's High schools, respectively, will be on the program.

Pictures of the Iowa-Michigan football game will be shown by Jack Woodward, grid coach at Phoenix High school.

Dr. Orval Eaton, new president of the Linebackers, said that Don Hanlin has been named program chairman for the group.

SO Matmen To Wrestle At Pacific

Ashland—Saturday afternoon will see the wrestling Raiders of Southern Oregon college at Forest Grove to face Pacific university in the second meeting of the two schools.

In the Raiders last meeting with PU's Badgers, SOC scored a decisive 22-5 victory. In trouncing the Badgers, Southern Oregon tallied 5 decisions, 1 pin, and 1 tie, with Pacific gaining a lone win and tie.

Southern Oregon's wrestling mentor Bob Bennett's comment about the SOC-PU battle was, "When we met Pacific earlier this season they were not at full strength. They have improved greatly, so we are anticipating a much tougher match this week end."

Southern Oregon carries a season record of 7 wins and 4 losses.

Coach Bob Bennett also added to his comment that, "Southern Oregon will host the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate wrestling championship this year on March 1-2." Further information will be released in the near future concerning this event.

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